

EXHIBIT A



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Re: United States v. Carlos E. Kepke, 3:21-cr-00155-JD (N.D. Cal.)

Dear Counsel:

Pursuant to the requirements of Federal Rule of Evidence 404(b), the government hereby gives notice that it intends to introduce evidence of Defendant's telephonic and in-person conversations with undercover IRS-CI Special Agents from March 2017 through August 2018, including testimony, recordings, and transcripts, in its case-in-chief in the above-entitled matter. This evidence is discussed in detail in the government's Motion in Limine, filed on August 12, 2022 (Doc. # 66).

In addition, the government intends to introduce evidence of Defendant's relationship with Robert Brockman and associated individuals, including the fact that Brockman introduced Defendant to Robert F. Smith, and

1. Defendant had a pre-existing professional relationship with Evatt Tamine and Tamine's employer Robert Brockman;
2. Defendant assisted Brockman in creating the A. Eugene Brockman Children's Trust in or about 1982;
3. Brockman and Tamine paid Defendant an annual retainer related to the A. Eugene Brockman Children's Trust;
4. On occasion Kepke acted as a conduit between Tamine/Brockman and Robert F. Smith;
5. In or about 2007 Defendant's primary point of contact with regard to his association with Brockman was Tamine;
6. In or about 2007 Tamine was named as the trustee of the A. Eugene Brockman Children's Trust;
7. As trustee of the A. Eugene Brockman Children's Trust Tamine took direction from Brockman;
8. Brockman made all substantive decisions regarding the A. Eugene Brockman Children's Trust;
9. Tamine was Brockman's employee. Brockman paid Tamine an annual salary, gave him an annual evaluation on his work performance; adjusted his salary based on his performance; and gave him "To Do" lists for the coming calendar year;

10. On occasion Tamine visited Defendant's offices to "purge" or "securitize" Defendant's files regarding both Smith and Brockman; and
11. In or about 2017 Defendant used Tamine as a personal reference for a potential new client (later revealed to be an IRS undercover Special Agent).

This evidence is detailed in, among other things, the affidavit previously produced to you as DOJ-0001590 to DOJ-0002281, and the following documents:

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Please be advised that, in the government's view this evidence is inextricably intertwined with the criminal conduct set forth in the Indictment and, thus, admissible in the first instance pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 402. However, in the event that the Court finds that this conduct is not inextricably intertwined with the charged conduct, the government maintains alternatively that the above-identified evidence is admissible under Rule 404(b) to establish Defendant's knowledge, intent, absence of mistake or accident, preparation, plan, motive, opportunity, and identity with respect to the charged conduct.

The government reserves the right to provide timely notice of its intention to introduce additional Rule 404(b) material in the future.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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